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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Colonel Ira F. Fravel Collection
Date:	1917-1932
Identifier:	NASM.1991.0056
Creator:	Fravel, Ira F.
Extent:	0.45 Cubic feet ((1 legal document box))
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Kathie J. Walsh, gift, 1991, 1991-0056

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Biographical / Historical

Ira F. Fravel was involved in the Army Air Service Balloon Service from the turn of the century to the 1930s. His achievements included, receiving the first wireless messages in a free balloon (May, 1911), graduation from the General Service and Staff College (Ft. Leavenworth, KS, 1904), receiving the first wireless message in a free balloon (May, 1911), service with the Expeditionary Force in France, 1917-1918, and command of the Ross Airfield in Arcadia, CA.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of the official correspondence of Ira F. Fravel, while commissioned in the infantry, and later in the Army Balloon School, Army Balloon Service and as commander of Ross Field. A significant portion of this correspondence is with Charles DeForest Chandler, aviation pioneer. There is also personal correspondence as well as photographs and newspaper clippings.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Aeronautics
Aeronautics, Military
Balloons

Types of Materials:

Correspondence
Photographs

Names:

Chandler, Charles deForest, 1878-1939.
Fravel, Ira F.
United States. Army Air Service. Army Balloon Service
United States. Army. Air Service. Army Balloon School -- Ross Field, Cal.